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S E C R E T CANBERRA 6817

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, MARR, PEPR, OCOM, AS
SUBJECT: GOA APPROVAL FOR CONTINGENCY PLAN TO PROVIDE BACK-UP
SATELLITE AT WOOMERA

REF: A) YOUR STATE 217707; B) CANBERRA 6815

1. PERMISSION TO DELIVER AN/TSC-54 HAS BEEN GRANTED BY GOA THROUGH ADOD AND COORDINATED WITH DFA. HOWEVER, GOA DESIRES TO KNOW WHEN TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN SINCE GOA NOTES IN COUNTRY ALTERNATE COMMUNICATION ROUTE IS STILL OPERATIONAL. CURRENT SITUATION (AS OF 262015Z AUG) IS THAT CKT 406 (HIGH SPEED DATA) IS OPERATIONAL THROUGH IN-COUNTRY ALTERNATE ROUTING BUT CKT 408 (SECURE VOICE) HAS BEEN ROUTED THROUGH WOOMERA SATCOM FACILITY SINCE 221130Z AUG. ALTERNATE IN-COUNTRY ROUTING FOR CKT 406 WAS OUT FROM 250348Z TO 250435Z DUE TO LOSS OF SYNCH AND NOISE IN LINE BUT WAS RESTORED WITHOUT ACTION BY 5DSCS (ACTION WAS ATTEMPTED BUT 5DSCS COULD NOT REACH ADELAIDE TELECOM).

2. ADOD HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE QUOTE: I AM
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AUTHORISED BY THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CONCURS IN THE DEPLOYMENT BY AIR TO WOOMERA OF SATELLITE TERMINAL AND ANCILLIARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORTING PERSONNEL ON THE TERMS PROPOSED IN PARA (2) OF REFTEL). THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GIVE NO PUBLICITY OT THE DEPLOYMENT. SHOULD PUBLIC COMMENT BE UNAVIDABLE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL

CONSULT US AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE NATURE OF ANY PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE MADE. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH SIMILARLY TO BE CONSULTED BY THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD ANY PUBLIC COMMENT BE ENVISAGED BY US AUTHORITIES. END QUOTE.

3. REQUEST YOU INFORM US WHEN TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY WILL TAKE PLACE. FURTHER REQUEST MAC OPERATING UNIT EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF CLEARANCE REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

4. FYI THE GOA VERBALLY NOTED THAT NECESSARY IN-COUNTRY COMMUNICATIONS ARE STILL OPERATIONAL BUT, SHOULD THEY FAIL, GOA COULD NOT GUARANTEE THEY WOULD BE REPAIRED.
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